

Narrative Summary – April 2018

April 2018 was slightly warmer than normal, averaging 53.8°F, 0.3° above normal (53.5°F). The warmest April (2016) averaged 61.0°F. The coldest April (1955) averaged 47.5°F. No daily temperature records were established during April 2018.

Precipitation for April 2018 totaled 1.25 inches, 227% of normal (0.55 inches). This makes April 2018 the fourth wettest April on record. The wettest April (2003) received 2.23 inches, while the driest (1999 and earlier years) received only a trace. Total precipitation for 2018 (through April) is 3.05 inches, 111% of normal (2.76 inches).

The average wind speed for April 2018 was 9.9 miles per hour (mph), 1.4 miles per hour above normal (8.5 mph). The windiest April (1959 and 1972) averaged 11.1 mph, while the April with the lightest winds (2004) averaged 7.2 mph. The peak gust for April 2018 was from the west at 49 mph on April 27. The record wind gust for April is 73 mph, which occurred in 1972.

The monthly climatological data summaries, as well as other information, are available on the Internet.

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Note: The data in this summary pertains specifically to the Hanford Meteorology Station (HMS), which is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Richland, WA. No attempt should be made to infer meteorological conditions at other locations from these data.